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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA FROM
ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER
OHIRA FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL:

QUOTE HIS EXCELLENCY MASAYOSHI OHIRA, MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOKYO, JAPAN.

DEAR MR. FOREIGN MINISTER: IT WAS WITH DEEP SORROW
THAT I LEARNED FROM VICE MINISTER HOGEN OF THE TRAGIC
MISFORTUNE WHICH BEFELL YOUR LOVELY HOUSE LAST WEEK.
YOURS WAS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HOUSES I HAD THE
PLEASURE OF SEEING IN ALL OF TOKYO, AND I KNOW HOW
DEEPLY YOU MUST BE AFFECTED BY ITS SUDDEN LOSS, ALONG
WITH YOUR MANY PERSONAL POSSESSIONS.

I SHALL ALWAYS RECALL WITH FONDNESS THE DINNER YOU GAVE
FOR MRS. INGERSOLL AND ME ON OUR DEPARTURE FROM JAPAN
IN THOSE BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS. I AM COMFORTED, HOWEVER,
BY THE REALIZATION THAT YOU AND YOUR CHARMING WIFE WILL
CREATE A NEW HOME WITH THE SAME WARMTH AND HOSPITALITY
WHICH SO CHARACTERIZED YOUR RECENT HOUSE.

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PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY FOR YOUR TRAGEDY.

SINCERELY, ROBERT S. INGERSOLL END QUOTE RUSH

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